

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 44

2 INTRODUCED BY D. HAINES

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR PORTABLE  
6 SAWMILLS ON FOREST LANDS; REPEALING SECTIONS 76-13-501, 76-13-502, 76-13-503, 76-13-504,  
7 76-13-505, 76-13-506, AND 76-13-507, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 WHEREAS, the law regulating portable sawmills on forest lands was enacted in 1931; and  
10 WHEREAS, the licensing of portable saw mills was an active protection program in the 1940s and  
11 1950s, with hundreds of portable sawmill licenses issued annually; and

12 WHEREAS, since 1980, there has been a total of nine licenses issued, with only three of those in  
13 the last 9 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislative Audit Division has recommended that executive agencies RECOMMEND  
15 LEGISLATION TO repeal archaic and obsolete state laws.

16 THEREFORE, the Legislature of the State of Montana finds it appropriate to repeal this archaic and  
17 obsolete state law.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Repealer.** Sections 76-13-501, 76-13-502, 76-13-503, 76-13-504,  
22 76-13-505, 76-13-506, and 76-13-507, MCA, are repealed.

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24 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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